

In the February 17, 2011 *Federal Register* the U.S. Department of Education Office of Innovation and Improvement announced the availability of federal funding for the Professional Development for Arts Educators Program (Catalog for Federal Domestic Assistance number 84.351C)

. This program supports the implementation of high-quality model professional development programs in elementary and secondary education for music, dance, drama, media arts or visual arts, including folk arts, for educators and other arts instructional staff of kindergarten through grade 12 (K-12) students in high-poverty schools. The purpose of this program is to strengthen standards-based arts education programs and to help ensure that all students meet challenging State academic content standards and challenging State student academic achievement standards in the arts.

**The application deadline is April 8, 2011.**

Eligible applicants include local education agencies including charter schools, state or local non-profit or governmental arts organizations, institutions of higher education and public or private agency, institution or organization, including museums, arts education associations, libraries, theaters or community- or faith-based organizations. To request an application package, visit

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